

Design Brief

Design, make and evaluate a tree decoration in the shape of a Christmas tree. As part of the design process, you will experiment with sticking/sewing fabric together.

Key Vocabulary

measure	To check how big or small something is.
material	What an object is made from e.g. paper, wood, plastic.
fabric	Cloth or other material produced by weaving or knitting fibres.
appealing	To be attractive or interesting.
hang	To suspend or be suspended from above with the lower part dangling free.
back-stitch	A stitch in which the thread is doubled back on the preceding stitch.

Key Skills

- Materials can be joined in different ways for example using glue, staples or by sewing.
- To sew using running stitch.
- To sew using back stitch.
- Different joins are used for different effects and reasons.
- Different types of fabric have different properties.
- A product must be appealing to the person it is being made for. You can do this by carefully decorating it

What I Should Already Know

- Ideas are needed to create a design.
- How to use and carry scissors safely.
- Materials can be joined in different ways using glue and tape.
- To cut around a template with increased accuracy.
- To fold and join different materials



Key Information

- A Christmas decoration is any of several types of ornamentation used at Christmas time and the holiday season.
- The traditional colours of Christmas are pine green (evergreen), snow white, and ruby red. Gold and silver are also very common, as are other metallic colours.
- The use of evergreen trees to celebrate the winter season occurred before the birth of Christ.
- The first decorated Christmas tree was in Latvia in 1510.
- Christmas decorations can be placed on Christmas trees in people's homes.

Links to other Learning

- Maths - measures
- Art and Design
- Whole school enrichment - Christmas Fair
- D & T - textiles all year groups

Key Questions

- Appearance/aesthetics - how will it look? Can you say what you are making?
- Cost - how much will it cost to make?
- Customer - who will your decoration be for?
- Environment - can it be recycled?
- Size - how big or small is it?
- Safety - how will you make it safe to use?
- Function/purpose - how will your decoration serve its purpose?
- Materials - what will you make it from? Have you planned your design and how you will create it?
- Manufacture - how will you make it? Do I like what I have made? Why or why not?

